

Graft Charged To Industrial Board Agents

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Three men, two of them employees of the State Industrial Commission, and an unnamed woman maintained for the last three years an organized system of graft in which the victims were injured workmen, according to several witnesses who testified yesterday before the State Industrial Commission. The commission, which was appointed by Governor Smith to investigate the State Industrial Commission, is now holding its first public hearing. The witnesses identified Barney Wayneck, former clerk of the commission, as the man who collected the money from the injured workmen. Wayneck, who was formerly employed as a clerk in the commission, is now a claim adjuster for the State. He is alleged to have collected money from the injured workmen and to have given it to the two men and the woman. The witnesses also identified the two men and the woman as the recipients of the money. The commission is now holding its first public hearing. The witnesses identified Barney Wayneck, former clerk of the commission, as the man who collected the money from the injured workmen. Wayneck, who was formerly employed as a clerk in the commission, is now a claim adjuster for the State. He is alleged to have collected money from the injured workmen and to have given it to the two men and the woman. The witnesses also identified the two men and the woman as the recipients of the money. The commission is now holding its first public hearing.

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Herman swore that Wayneck, after collecting the money, split it into three parts at the office of the commission, giving one share to him and another to Harry Jacobson, a claim agent of the State Industrial Commission, and keeping the third part for himself. A transcript of the testimony which was taken in the Aldermanic Chamber at the City Hall yesterday, was forwarded last night to District Attorney Swann by Commissioner Connor. Herman swore he and Jacobson, knowing that would be awarded to injured workers under the provisions of the workmen's compensation law, would inform Wayneck. Wayneck, he swore, would then interview either the injured workers or their relatives and make an agreement with them to "split fifty-fifty" with him over what they received above a certain amount. The witnesses swore that when a man whom they identified from photographs as Wayneck called on them he represented that he could obtain more for their injuries than they could, and on these representations they made the agreement to share with him.

Dawson Examines Witnesses
The witnesses were examined by Miles M. Dawson, who is assisting Commissioner Connor, and who was the chief investigator for Charles Evans

Hughes in the inquiry into the life insurance fund scandals several years ago. When Herman was sworn Mr. Dawson asked him about a settlement to Thomas Murphy, of 214 Fifth Avenue, Brooklyn, who lost half of his right hand. "I received either \$200 or \$300 from that settlement," said Herman. "Do you know what the arrangement was between Mr. Wayneck and Mr. Murphy?" asked Mr. Dawson. "Certain percentages of the amount the claimant received, which I believe was somewhere between a third and a half," said the witness. "When did Mr. Wayneck pay you this money?"

"About a week or ten days after the claimant received his check from the cashier," Herman testified that he saw Jacobson receive his share of the part Murphy is alleged to have given Wayneck from his settlement.

Herman said Wayneck was always on hand when the injured workmen appeared at the office of the commission for their checks and that he had always sufficient money in his pockets to cash the checks and see that he was paid on the spot.

"Oh, yes," answered Herman. "He had his pocket picked one time for \$1,400. That was known."

"What persons, to your knowledge, on the commission knew that Mr. Wayneck carried a large amount of money around with him?"

"Everybody on the nineteenth floor. There are about 150 persons there. Deputy Commissioner Curtis knew it. It was generally known that he carried large sums of money around with him."

Murphy was then called to the stand. He swore that he received \$1,832 from the commission and gave half of it to Wayneck.

Charles Weuppert, of 1738 Second Avenue, said that for his injury he told "Mr. Jacobson he should receive \$850." Jacobson, he swore, said he should ask for more and that he Jacobson could bring it up to \$1,200 to \$1,600. He said he received \$1,400, and then "as per agreement met a man at Ninety-sixth Street and Second Avenue and gave him \$700."

Herman Walther, of 48 West End Avenue, who received \$2,000 for a fractured knee, a broken hip, a dislocated elbow and a fractured wrist, said that Wayneck told him that he was entitled to only \$400, and "wanted me to settle fifty-fifty with him for all over \$1,000." Walther said that a woman whom he did not know came to his house after he received the money and "she was highly insulted because we only gave her \$100."

John Baywaterman, of 2313 Second Avenue, swore that out of \$2,000 he received he gave Wayneck \$400. The hearing will be resumed to-day.

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HONOLULU, T. H., Sept. 17. (By The Associated Press.)—R. Morgi, former Japanese consul general to Hawaii, who was relieved from duty here recently, has been appointed minister to Mexico. Announcement of the appointment was received here to-day.

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Then the city marshal went to a house owned by Julius Cohen at 171 Lincoln Place, where he had twelve more families to evict. The excitement there was even more intense than at the house on Howard Avenue. The whole household turned out to mourn at the eviction.

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A crowd which almost blocked the street gathered to watch the tenants express their grief and indignation. The dispossessed tenants were loud in their lamentations, but even louder in their condemnation of their attorney. When their case came up in court, they said, they had been instructed to pay their September rent and had agreed to an increase of \$1 for October.

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The three families in the Lincoln Place house whom the marshal's men could not attend to yesterday and five more families in a house owned by Morris Mittman at 98 Herzl Street are to be put out to-day. The return of vacationists from the beaches and other summer resorts recently has increased the demand for houses and apartments in this section far beyond the supply.

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WILLIAM WRIGHT HARRAL, MOUNT VERNON, N. Y., Sept. 17.—Major William Wright Harral, eighty-eight, died suddenly at his home in Mount Vernon, N. Y., after a long illness. He was a native of Bridgeport, Conn., and during the Civil War he enlisted in the 34th Connecticut.

BIRTHS
GUMBINNER—Mr. and Mrs. R. Gumbinner have a daughter, a son, Sept. 15, at the Yonkers Homeopathic Hospital. SCHRAMM—Mr. and Mrs. M. Schramm, of 948 East 10th st., Brooklyn, announce the birth of girl twins.

MARRIAGES
BUSSCHAERT—BAAG—On Wednesday, Sept. 17, at 10 o'clock, at the residence of Mr. and Mrs. J. Baag, daughter of Mr. and Mrs. J. Baag, and son of Mr. and Mrs. J. Baag, were united in marriage. The ceremony was performed by Rev. J. Baag.

DEATHS
AHEPNS—Elizabeth, in her 86th year, wife of the late Otto Ahrens, beloved mother